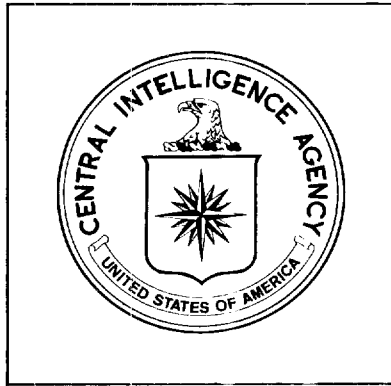


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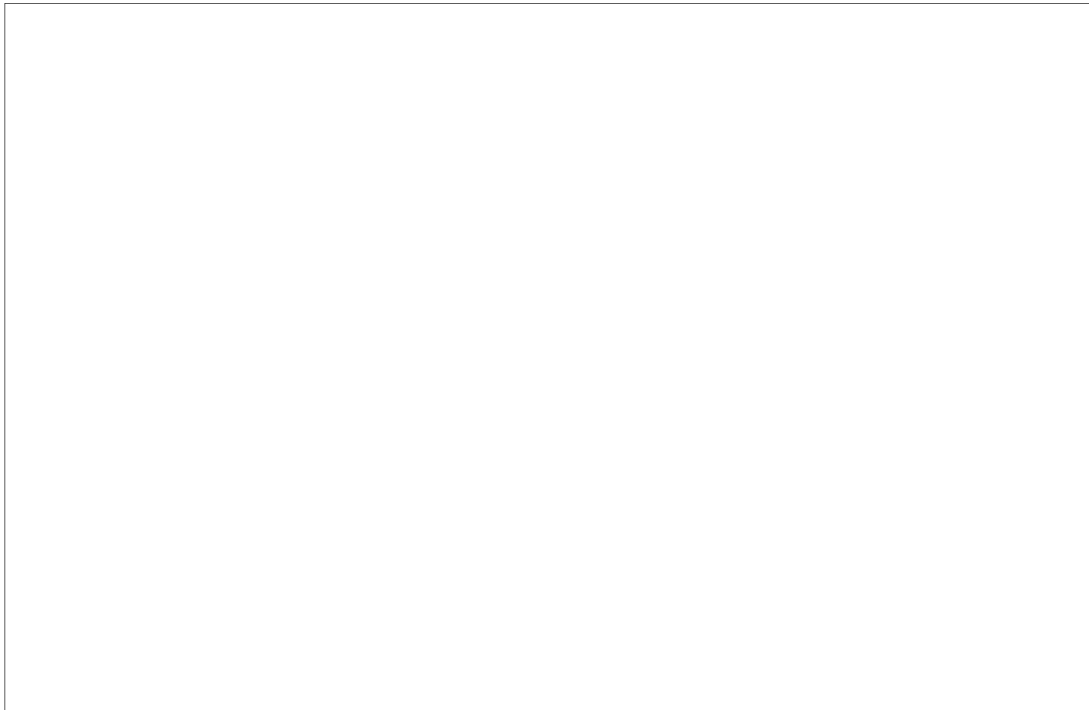
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Argentina: Further Restrictions on the News Media

The government recently issued a decree forbidding domestic media to circulate news items about events in Argentina that have been supplied by foreign news agencies. The decree, aimed chiefly at wire services based in neighboring countries--and particularly in Uruguay--will in effect force these services to rely on the official Argentine news agency TELAM. The decree further stipulates that foreign as well as domestic news agencies operating in Argentina must register with the government within ninety days or face suspension of their operations. Moreover, correspondents working for foreign agencies are also required to comply with the new law, and failure to do so could result in their expulsion from Argentina.

The presidential press office stated that the new measure is "indispensable" in assuring the public it is receiving "adequate information about the reality of the facts." The decree is yet another step in the increasing government censorship of information. (See Latin American Trends, May 7, 1975). Domestic newspapers have been prohibited from publishing foreign news material about Argentina since August 1973. At that time the controls were aimed at restricting press coverage of the activities of leftist extremist groups. The new regulation will result in censorship of all news that is considered too critical of the government.
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